



# Glen Eden Primary School Newsletter

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## Kia Ora GEPS Whānau

As we reach the end of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in making 2025 such a meaningful year for our school community.

This year has been filled with learning, growth, challenge, and celebration. Our tamariki have shown curiosity, resilience, kindness, and perseverance. Guided by our school values of *ako*, *manaakitanga*, *whanaungatanga*, and *kairangi*, our students have supported one another, embraced new learning, and taken pride in who they are.

To our Year 6 students, we wish you every success as you move on to the next chapter of your learning journey. You leave behind a legacy of leadership, friendship, and contribution, and you will always be part of our school whānau.

I would also like to make special mention of the families who are leaving our school for the last time as your youngest children move on. Many of you have been part of our community for a number of years, contributing in countless ways—through involvement, support, and partnership. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us and for the role you have played in shaping our school. You leave with our gratitude and our very best wishes for what lies ahead.

To all our families and caregivers, thank you for your ongoing support—whether through learning at home, attending events, supporting trips and sports, or simply encouraging your child each day. Strong partnerships between home and school make a real difference, and we are truly appreciative of this.

I would also like to acknowledge our staff, who continue to go above and beyond for our learners. Their commitment, care, and professionalism ensure that our school remains a safe, inclusive, and inspiring place to learn.

This year we say farewell to four staff members; Liesl Crowther, Jess Lovegrove, Eve Spencer and Teuila Teau. We thank you for all that you have given to our tamariki, to our whānau and to our kura.

As we head into the summer break, I hope you are able to enjoy some well-earned rest, time together, and moments of joy. Hopefully many of you will make use of the school pool opening over the break. Please stay safe over the holidays and take time to recharge.

The school pool will be open daily from the 5th of January till the 24th of January. It will be open from 12pm-5pm Monday to Saturday. Children under 5 must be in arms reach of a supervising adult and children under 11 must have an adult actively supervising.

School stationery can be purchased from the office from Wednesday 28 January 1.30-3.00pm, Thursday 29 January 9.00am-4.00pm & Monday 02 February 9.00am-12noon.

You are welcome to come in and see your child's class and meet the 2026 teacher from 1:30-3:10 on Thursday 29 January. School starts on Tuesday 3rd February.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2026, refreshed and ready for another year of learning and growth together.

*Donna Soljan*

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Kairangi



Whanaungatanga



Manaakitanga



Ako



# **SUMMER BREAK SWIMMING**

**From Monday 5 January - Saturday 24 January  
2026**

12:00pm-5:00pm  
Monday - Saturday  
Lifeguards Operating

**GLEN EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# Skids School Holiday Programme operating out of Glen Eden School from 17 – 19 December only

**HOLIDAY HQ** **FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS**

**skids Glen Eden**  
3 Glenview Road, Glen Eden  
Wednesday 17 December to Friday 19 December 2025

0800 274 172  
Site Ph: 027 267 8609

FULL DAYS: 7AM TO 5.30PM  
SHORT DAYS: 8AM TO 3PM

Scan for pricing and to book online!  
[www.skids.co.nz/holiday-programmes](http://www.skids.co.nz/holiday-programmes)

**WED 17 DEC** **MAKE & TAKE**  
  
**SANTA'S WORKSHOP**  
**MAKE & TAKE: KIWIANA GINGERBREAD BACH**  
Enjoy a merry day of festive creativity, laughter and holiday magic with us as we step into Santa's Workshop! We will be decorating our own individual wooden Kiwiana themed Gingerbread style bach's to take home. Plus, create your own DIY Christmas Ornaments.

**THU 18 DEC**  
  
**WORLDWIDE FESTIVITIES**  
Create colourful origami Santa stockings to hang on your trees or fireplaces, design and decorate paper lanterns. Journey around the globe with us as we explore how different cultures celebrate the festive season.

**FRI 19 DEC**  
  
**KIWI CHRISTMAS**  
Celebrate the last day of 2025 HHQ with our Kiwi Christmas. Enjoy exciting North Pole Party games, create beautiful Pōhutukawa Christmas cards and wrap up the year with festive fun, creativity and festive cheer!

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season!

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# Skids School Holiday Programme operating out of Fruitvale School from 05 January to 02 February 2026

**HOLIDAY HQ** **SUMMER CAMP**

**sKids Fruitvale**  
40 Fruitvale Road, New Lynn  
Monday 5 January to Thursday 5 February 2026

0800 274 172  
Site Ph: 027 211 4999

FULL DAYS: 7AM TO 5.30PM  
SHORT DAYS: 8.30AM TO 3PM

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**MON 5 JAN**  
  
**CAMP KICK OFF**  
Let the summer camp fun begin! Celebrate the first day of 2026 with our exciting camp Olympics, packed with games and funwork. Then get creative and craft your own watercolour paper towels to kick off an unforgettable summer of skills!

**TUE 6 JAN**  
  
**SPORTS SHOWDOWN**  
**MAKE & TAKE: DIY DECORATIVE WATER BOTTLES**  
Summer Camp is getting sporty today. Our first Make & Take activity of 2026 is designer drink bottles - design your own decorative water bottles to keep hydrated all summer long! Plus get ready for games, sports and exciting challenges that will keep you moving, laughing and having a blast!

**WED 7 JAN**  
  
**WILDERNESS EXPLORERS**  
Explore, navigate, and carve your own path using teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. Craft your very own paper plate compasses, design inflated treasure maps, and tackle fun challenges and games that test your wit's and skills. Adventure awaits around every corner!

**THU 8 JAN**  
  
**TASTE OF SUMMER**  
Taste, create and celebrate food, fun and friendship under the sun! Step into a delicious outdoor festival themed day with delicious s'mores from solar power, craft fun pretzel necklaces and enjoy hands on activities that bring the flavours of camp to life!

**FRI 9 JAN**  
  
**CAMPFIRE CELEBRATION**  
Wrap up an incredible week with salt dough creatures to treasure as a keepsake from camp. Show off your skills and creativity in the big skies! Talent Show, take part in exciting games and challenges, and celebrate all the fun, friendships, and adventures you've shared.

**MON 12 JAN**  
  
**OVER THE RAINBOW**  
Get ready for a week bursting with colour. Today we explore over the rainbow as we create yummy rainbow jelly cups for a tasty treat and then bring the outdoors to life with party footpath painting.

**TUE 13 JAN**  
  
**SENSORY SPECTACULAR**  
**PREMIUM: ACTIV KIDS**  
Activ Kids coaches are joining us for a fun-filled mix of games, funwork and energetic outdoor play with their summer sports session. Then, enjoy the cool fun of painting with ice, make and taste yummy treats and get hands on with sensory dough!

**WED 14 JAN**  
  
**COLOUR SPLASH**  
**PLEASE BRING OLD CLOTHES FOR THE COLOUR RUN!**  
It's a bright, messy and fun filled day of colour today. Take part in a vibrant colour run (don't forget to wear old clothes you don't mind getting colourful possibly permanently). Dive into creative process art activities and more!

**THU 15 JAN**  
  
**COLOUR CREW**  
**MAKE & TAKE: DECORATE YOUR OWN KITE**  
Join our colour crew for a rainbow filled adventure! Team up for exciting challenges, creative games and colourful fun. Enjoy a special make and take activity as we decorate our own fabric kites to take home and soar into the skies!

**FRI 16 JAN**  
  
**COLOUR CARNIVAL**  
We're wrapping up colour week with an extra splash of fun! Join us to dive into a whole lot of arts & crafts, games and fun challenges. Exploring creativity and working together in exciting activities. From colorful creations to playful competitions it's a day full of imagination, vibrant energy and laughter.

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<b>COASTAL DISCOVERIES</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: TREASURE CHESTS &amp; SEA CREATURE BAG CHARMS</b> Kicking off Water Week with us as you construct your own wooden treasure chests to fill with secret treasures and decorate your own ocean themed bag tags or key chains to take home. It's a day filled with imagination, seaside vibes and hands on fun with your friends!	<b>SPLASHY SCIENCE</b> Get ready to make a splash with our STEM themed Splashy Science! Featuring unpredictable bubbles, powder shield experiments and plenty of wild water powered experiments. Tamariki will explore how science and fun flow together through hands on challenges, teamwork and creative discoveries.	<b>WATER DETECTIVES</b> Dive into the world of watery mysteries as we design our own Secret Agent ID Badges, crack top secret codes and tackle mind bending summer themed STEM missions. Sharpen your detective skills through thrilling spy games, puzzles and challenges. Agent are you ready for action?	<b>SPLASH &amp; DASH EXCURSION: sKIDS SUMMER PARTY</b> <b>BRING TOGETHER &amp; TWIRL FOR AN EPIC WATERPARTY!</b> Get ready for an epic day of water play, laughter and summer fun with our friends from other sKIDS sites! Exciting splash games to cool challenges, it's all about being active, keeping cool and making awesome summer memories. Please remember to bring your bags and towels!	<b>AQUATIC WILDLIFE SAFARI</b> Explore the magic of the sea, rivers and ponds with an aquatic themed wildlife adventure today. Enjoy craft themed crafts, ocean inspired painting and splashy games. Dive deeper with STEM experiments and show your creativity in the kitchen.
<b>MON 26 JAN</b>	<b>TUE 27 JAN</b>	<b>WED 28 JAN</b>	<b>THU 29 JAN</b>	<b>FRI 30 JAN</b>
<b>Service Closed for Auckland Anniversary Day</b>	<b>BUSH CRAFT BASICS</b> Learn essential survival skills like building shelters using a range of materials, trying strong knots and making bush cordage from natural materials. It's a hands on day of creativity, problem solving and outdoor fun!	<b>PICNIC PARTY EXCURSION: AUCKLAND ZOO</b> Enjoy the wildlife up close in the spectacular lush grounds of Auckland Zoo. Pack your sunny towels and get ready for a fun filled picnic party with the animals! Back at school there is more fun to be had with our arts and crafts, games and team challenge activities.	<b>OUTDOOR EXPLORERS</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: DIY BIRD HOUSES</b> Construct your very own birdhouse to take home! Make Maori code bracelets, craft mini bows & arrows, and show us your archery skills. It's a fun nature day full of outdoor adventures, exploring, and laughs with friends!	<b>SURVIVOR DAY</b> Test your survival skills today for the last day of Outdoor Adventures Week! Take on our Water Distiller experiment, play survivor themed games, and work together to problem solve and adapt just like real explorers. It's a day of discovery, teamwork and outdoor fun!

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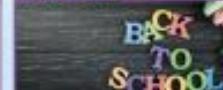
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<b>MON 2 FEB</b>	<b>TUE 3 FEB</b>	<b>WED 4 FEB</b>	<b>THU 5 FEB</b>
			
<b>MIND SPARKS</b> Get ready to stretch your mind and spark your creativity! Dive into optical illusions, discover clever challenges that will make you think in new ways. It's a day packed with curiosity, laughter, and brain boosting fun!	<b>READY SET SCHOOL!</b> We are gearing up for an exciting new school year while still making the most of the summer fun! Together we will create collaborative art, enjoy fun games, and strengthen our friendships as we get ready to start the year feeling confident, connected and full of sunshine.	<b>BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY</b> Get ready to launch into Term 1 with a burst of fun and creativity at our exciting Back to School Party! We'll be celebrating with a day full of colour, laughter and hands on activities including pipe cleaner Pencil Pals...	<b>KIWI SPIRIT</b> Today we celebrate the last day of Holiday HQ with our Kiwi Spirit Day! Tamariki will get hands on with PIR Hokey Pokey and craft their own Mana Taiao (kites). Enjoy loads of Aotearoa creativity, culture and classic Kiwi pride!

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## Glen Eden Community House

Prospect Park, 13 Pisces Road, Glen Eden

[www.GlenEdenCommunityHouse.co.nz](http://www.GlenEdenCommunityHouse.co.nz)

**Saturday | 20 December 2025 | 9am - 12pm**

**Nau mai, haere mai!**

**Join us @ Glen Eden Community Market**

Haere mai (come along) for a morning packed with kōrero (conversation), whakawhanaungatanga (building relationships), and creativity! Whether you're tamariki, rangatahi or pakeke (adults), there's something for everyone:

9:00 AM	Set Up of Activities	Car Boot Market
	<b>Fire Truck Visit</b> (10am) Dependant on no emergencies	Hand Crafted Goods
10:00 AM	<b>Sausage Sizzle</b> <b>Water Balloon Fight</b> <b>DIY Christmas Coasters</b> <b>DIY Christmas Crackers</b> <b>Hato Hone   St Johns—Learn CPR</b> <b>Toddler Play Room</b> <b>Colouring in</b>	Second-Hand Treasures Delicious Foods Hot Drinks Sugary Treats Great Vibes Awesome People
11:00 AM	<b>Popcorn the Clown Magic Show</b>	
12:00 PM	<b>Event Ends</b>	

Bring your whānau (family), hoa (friends), and tāngata noho tata (neighbours) – let's celebrate kotahitanga (unity), manaakitanga (respect), and vibrant hapori (community) vibes. We look forward to seeing you there – ka kite koe i reira! (see you there!)

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# RAUMATI SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## IN NEW LYNN COMMUNITY HUB



Mon 6 Jan	2:30 - 4:30PM	Movie Afternoon : Madagascar	Drop in
Tue 7 Jan	2:30 - 4:30PM	Movie Afternoon : Madagascar 2	Drop-in
Wed 8 Jan	2:30 - 4:00PM	Physics Pathfinders Workshop	Registration required
Mon 12 Jan	10 - 11:30AM	Summer Seaside Paper Plate Craft	Drop-in
Wed 14 Jan	10:30AM - 12:30PM	Creative Woodwork Workshop w/ ReCreators	Registration required
Thu 15 Jan	10AM - 12PM	Digital Discovery Day w/ CyberNix	Drop-in
Mon 19 Jan	10:30 - 11:30AM	Grow Your Own Microgreens Workshop	Registration required
Tue 20 Jan	10 - 11:30AM	Make A Clay Robot w/ Te Toi Uku	Drop-in
Thu 22 Jan	11AM - 12:30PM	Litter Hunt & DIY T Shirt Bag w/ WasteWise	Registration required
Sat 24 Jan	10AM - 12:30PM	Summer Fun In The Park	Drop-in
Thu 29 Jan	2 - 4 PM	Lotions & Potions Workshop <u>for Teens</u> w/ ReCreators	Registration required

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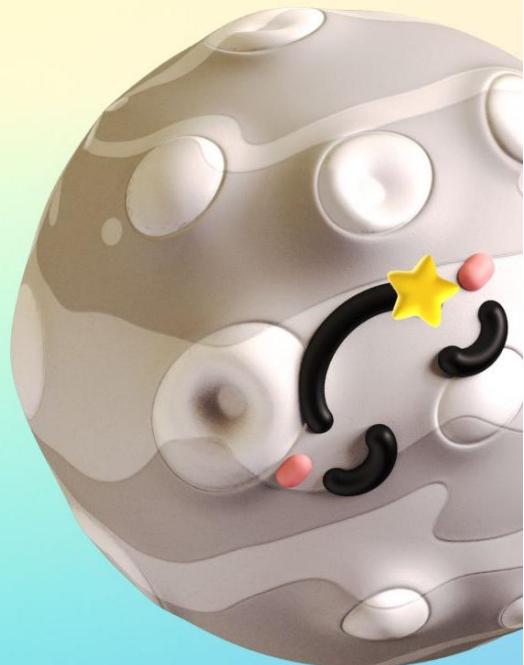


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Kia Ora Whanau

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They can be contacted via [childandfamilywest.wth@waitematadhb.govt.nz](mailto:childandfamilywest.wth@waitematadhb.govt.nz).

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